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OMENTOUS WAR COUNCIL

NTENTE POWERS TO CONFER IN ROME ON STATE OF WAR.

Outcome of Council Will Decide Fate of Salonika Expedition, The Attitude Toward Greece and Measures for Rectifying the Roumanian

Amsterdam, Jan. 6 .- One of the st momentous war councils of the entente powers will begin at Rome teday. Its outcome will decide the the preliminary report of cotton ginsition of the alles' Saloniki expeitien, the question of war or peace with Greece, and the entente steps for rectifying the Roumanian blundand ameliorating the situation in Balkans menacingly aggravated by Gen. von Mackensen's continued on the Sereth river. Berlin views the meeting as significant of anxiety and confusion, but the French and Britsh press ridicule this the-

Shrouded in Secrecy.

Rome, Jan. 6 .- While the meeting here of the entente war ministers is shrouded in the strictest secrecy it is believed closer exoperation and more vigorous campaigns will be planned. Changes in the ministries of several of the belligerents made the meeting

Four Great Powers Represented. Paris, Jan. 6 .- Premier Briand, war nister Lantvey and Minister of Manufactures Thomas, of France; Premier Lloyd-George, and Viscount Milner of the British cabinet and General Palitain, representing the Russian staff are expected to arrive in Rome today for a war council with the Ital-

GREENVILLE SECURES HOSPITAD

tal Mueting: Council Passes

aville. Jan 4.—The city of

THE RESIDENCE OF SOME SERVICE STATE OF STREET to approximately \$40,000. Newberry 29,081 ding to the provisions of an or- Ocones 16,233 makes which was adopted at a spe- Orangeburg cial meeting of the city council this Pickens afternoon. The city will realize an Richland 16,402 additional \$60,000 from a recent bond Saluda 25,173 issue which will be expended in the erection of a new and larger building. The election of a board of directors by the city council also brings a close to the threatened strike among York 21,676 the physicians and the dissension which existed between the board of

FROM EUROPE TO LAURENS JAID.

governors and the medical staff.

Man Arrested at Woodruff in Connection With Robbery Tells of Travels.

Laurens, Jan. 4.-The man who was arrested at Woodruff and brought to the Laurens county jail as a suspect in connection with the Ora robbery and the Lanford tragedy has become somewhat communicative after sleeping for a day or so. He says his name is James Moran and claims that he recently came to this country from Europe, landing at New Orleans. From there he says he drifted to Atlanta, thence into South Carolina. He refuses, however, to discuss any of the incidents with which he is supposed to be connected in this locality. He is evidently a foreigner March 15, in the cathedral at Baltiand appears to be about 40 years of more by Cardinal Gibbons. age. The officers say he gives the impression of being well educated. The gold band ring found on his per-Ora citizen whose residence was robbed Tuesday night.

WITHDRAW FROM MEXICO.

Believed That Retirement of Troops consecration. from Mexico Will be Next Step.

Washington, Jan. 5 .- The gradual withdrawal of American troops from Oldest Greenville Hotel to Be Closed Mexico is confidently expected to be the next step by the administration.

The government is convinced that Carranza's continued technical objections to the Atlantic City protocol are insincere and the administration does not intend to allow the negotiations to drag on further.

Death of An Infant.

infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. contemplated Brown, Jr., died last Saturday morn. ing the lessee of the hotel. ing, after a week's iliness. The interment was held Sunday morning at

REPORT SHOWS THAT TO DECEM-BER 13, CROP WAS SHORTER THAN IN 1915.

Total Number of Bales Ginned of 1916 Crop Placed at 894,917 Against 1,098,283 for 1915-Sumter County Credited with 24,683 Bales.

The report of Director Sam L. Rogers of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, announcing ned by counties in South Carolina for the crops of 1916 and 1915 to December 13th of those years has been issued and shows an interesting comparison between the two years. The total number of bales ginned in the State to December 13, 1916, is set at 894,017 against 1,098,283 for 1915.

The report of gin	ning by	counties i
County	1916	19
Whose	25,244	28,9
Aiken	34,729	35,6
Anderson	51,836	56,4
Bamberg	21,258	15,2
Barnwell	41,103	84,7
Beaufort	5,642	2,7
Berkeley	4,923	9,2
Calhoun	20,396	18,2
Charleston	4,414	8,5
Cherokee	8,360	13,9
Chester	18,954	29,5
Chesterfield	17,554	27,0
Clarendon	18,896	26,0
Colleton	12,457	13,1
Darlington	17,341	31,6
Dillon	22,170	29,0
Dorchester	8,131	11,0
Edgefield	28,758	27,8
Fairfield	14,167	22,3
Florence	17,672	29,3
Georgetown	1,325	2,3
Greenville	31,668	40,5
Greenwood	28,018	26,6
Hampton	16,396	11,9
Horry	4,508	7,6
Jasper	4,946	3,1
Kershaw	10,678	28,2
Lancaster	13.447	20,3
Laurens	29,510	37,5
Loo	17,402	30.2
Lasington	32,867	32,7
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Spartanburg ... 49,262 Sumter Union Williamsburg ..

Total 894,017 1,098,283

RECALLED FROM BUCHAREST.

29,941

17,425

Germany Requests the Withdrawal of American Minister to Rouman-

Washington, Jan. 5,-The state department received a request today from Germany for the withdrawal of American Minister Charles Volpicka, at Bucharest, Volpicka will be withdrawn, being the last neutral representative to leave Bucharest.

TO CONSECRATE BISHOP.

Date Set for Ceremony for Mgr. Russell in March.

Washington, Jan. 5 .-- Mgr. William T. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's church of this city, will be consecrated bishop of Charleston Thursday,

Mgr. Russell was notified this morning by Mgr. Bobzano, apostolic delegate to the United States, that a son after his arrest has been identified cablegram had been received from as the property of W. T. Blakely, the the vatican, announcing that the papal bulls were in transit to Amer-

> After a brief conference this noon between the cardinal and Mgr. Russell March 15 was selected for the

WON'T GRANT LICENSE.

Greenville, Jan. 4 .- The Central hotel, the oldest hotel in Greenville, will be closed at once because the mayor refused to allow license to be granted the management, as the result of the death of the young wo-Christmas eve.

The council met this afternoon and sustained the mayor in his action in Paxville, Jan. 5.-Friendly Guy, the view of an siunction suit which is attorneys represent-

mania, after bloody street battles. future reference.

BATTLE IN WEST

SHARP FIGHTING RESULED ON WILL GIVE OUT FIRST INTER-WESTERN FRONT

Both Germans and British on The Offensive—Germans Continue Sctor-ious Sweep Through Rolling Russian Attacks Repulsed With

Berlin, Jan. 6 (Official) fighting on the western from has been resumed. The British advance in trenches. The Germans at Ver thrusting attacks captured French prisoners. The allies ships are daily shelling the coast between the Struma and which captured Braila yesterd tinues its victorious sweep the Roumania, the vanguard reaching Se-Olaneasca. Maxineni and other villages with Strong Russian attacks on the said front were repulsed, nine hu prisoners and munitions being tak-

A. OURTIS DENIES NOTE

Only One Known in New York Says He Has Given Out Nothing on Snb-

Boston, Jan. 5 .- Allen Curtis of the Wall street firm of Curtis & danger, who was in Boston today, wid that he had written no letter to Mr. Wood and had not communicated with any one else on the subject under investigation.

Only One Known. New York, Jan. 5 .- The only "A. exchange is Allen Curtis, of the firm Curtis" known to the New York of Curtis & Sanger of New York and Boston.

No other broker by that name and ed to be known, although it was thought possibly be might be

stock exchange said, however, they the difficult inland channel, which is saw no reason to take official cogni- unprovided with bearing lights. zance of the alleged operations. At the office of E. F. Hutton & Co., it was stated that "nothing is known of 64,988 transactions."

Baruch was said to be at his hunting lodge in South Carolina and his associates at his office declined to 35,444 make a statement.

> DID NOT KNOW OF PEACE NOTE. New York, Jan. 5 .- Otto H, Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. has telegraphed Chairman Henry as follows:

> "The statement reported to have been made before your committee by Representative Wood concerning me is without the remotest basis of fact. I had no kind of advance information, direct or indirect, in connection with the president's note or the socalled leak. I have never sold a share of short stock in my life nor have I advised any one to do so either on this or any other occasion. I request to be called before your committee at once so that I may contradict under oath the calumny to which Representative Wood has not hesitated to give currency, not only without shadow of justification, but without the slightest attempt to ascertain the facts."

> HAD NO ADVANCE NEWS. Chicago, Jan. 5.-Leslie Gates of Lamson Bros. Co., brokers, said his firm did not send out word that the president was about to send out a

"We had no advance information on the peace note," said Mr. Gates. "We were advised by a New York stock exchange house that there might be developments of a decidedly bearish nature and it is probable that this statement was sent to our agents. No suggestion that a president message was forthcoming was ever made b us or through us."

HIGHWAYMEN IN PITTSBURG.

Paymaster of Glass Company Robbed of \$10,000.

Pittsburg, Jan. 6 .- The paymaster of the Fleecus Glass company was mobile with the money.

farm papers and magazines. If you form a mulch.

BARUCH TO ISSUE STATEMENT BLYTHE QUITS FIRST REGIM

VIEW ON "LEAK."

Well Known Stock Operator to Go to Efficient Officer Finds That He van Sweeps Narrow Path, Tearing up Half New York This Afternoon-Has Forwarded Note to Henry.

Georgetown, Jan. 5.-Bernard Baabout President Wilson's recent note his resignation at once to Gov. Manto the belligerent powers, is expected ning, according to authentic reports in in to make his first statement for pub- here tonight. It is understood that war- far, it was said, had given out noth- and that he would be unable to devote far, it was said, had given out noth- and that he would be unable to devote reek ing for publication, and would give the necessary time to his regiment detz out nothing until tomorrow. It was which includes 13 companies located Gen. Mackensen's irmy intimated that the forthcoming state- in upper part of South Carolina. He ment would be in some way connected with articles expected to appear in New York newspapers Saturday morning. This information was gained from J. H. Donelson, superintenthree hundred prisoners were then, dent of Mr. Baruch's country estate, he would not be eligible to hold two ville, seven miles southwest of Viraern Hobcaw Manor near here by telered phone this afternoon. Mr. Baruch, with his family, will leave Hobcaw for New York tomorrow afternoon, it was said, and he was expected to make his statement while here en route to the North.

any statement. It was said that he from their service in Texas. had sent to Chairman Henry of the from him to confirm the story.

camaw river from Georgetown, ap- Camp Styx, proached only by water, and the

the rules committee. Officials of the possible for motorboats to navigate

It was thus impossible to inform Mr. Baruch of the testimony of Representative Wood of Indiana, who was on the stand before the house rules committee today, or the statements of various stock brokers and operators who denied knowledge of any leak.

OFFERS TO TREAT TREES.

H. R. Van Deventer Will Stand Cost Church Street, if Council Will Per-

Mr. H. R. VanDeventer has authorized the secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to write City Council of Sumter that Mr. Van-Deventer will pay the entire cost of treating the trees on Church street for the entire street, if the city will

permit him to have the work done. Mr. VanDeventer will have the holes in these trees thoroughly treated and stopped up with cement or other approved fillings for trees and otherwise have everything done that is possible at this time to preserve the tre's and prevent further disease or deterioration in them.

This public spirited offer on the part of Mr. VanDeventer, who is a

County Raised Hogs.

from sale of shoats raised from two known. sows on county farm amounting to \$200.83. Mr. Evans stated that these hogs were raised at very little expense mules would waste. He had a small and Vindicator.

When setting out a young tree be by four men, who escaped in auto- space. Cut off the broken roots who reads and absorbs new ideas, roots, packing well, and leaving a Correspondence to Manning Herald. Subscribe to several of the best little loose soil over the surface to

United States during 1916, ue of the hay.

COLONEL ASKS TO BE RELIE OF COMMAND.

From Demands of Business.

Not Devote Time to Military Duty

Greenville, Jan. 5 .-- Col. Edgeworth ruch, the New York stock operator Montague Blythe, commanding offiwhose name has been mentioned in cer of the First regiment of the South connection with the allied "leak" Carolina National Guard, will tender

> His election as county attorney within the next two weeks seems almost assured and it is thought that

> probably will ask that the department

accept his resignation immediately.

be the third to be tendered by officers and did no more damage until within of the National Guard who reside in a quarter of a mile of the school Greenville and who attended the re- building. cent tour of duty on the Mexican border. Maj. Richard F. Watson of the from its foundation and wrecking the Mr. Baruch, who was here this First Battalion of the First regiment, Choctaw Indian mission across the morning with representatives who and Capt. William D. Workman of road, the storm that swept up the were busy with long distance tele- the Butler Guards, officially known as valley for nearly a mile then sudphone communications with New Company A, tendered their resigna- denly changed its course, ripping the York, left for Hobcaw without making tions shortly after they returned school building from its foundation

house rules committee a statement tional Guardsmen and army officers in his own behalf, going into consid- as a very efficient commanding offi- hundred yards from the site of the erable detail, but there was nothing cer and he was highly complimented building. Timbers were scattered for on the showing he made in his recent a distance of 200 yards. Communication with Hobcaw was border duty. He was graduated from impossible tonight, and Mr. Baruch the Citadel and since has been promcould not be informed of the state- inently identified in the professional, ments given out by various stock firms social and military life of the State. in connection with the matter nor of He commanded the last annual enthe testimony before the house com- campment at the Isle of Palms and mittee by Representative Wood. Hob- was in command of the two State regcaw is some ten miles up the Wac- iments during the mobilization at threw the children upon the bed.

PAXVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

Teachers and Students Leave for Schools and Colleges-W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Paxville, Jan. 5.-The graded school resumed work on Wednesday, after its pupils and teachers had enjoyed the Xmas holidays. All of the college girls have returned to their duties and the teachers, who have been home for their vacation, have gone to their respective schools.

Rev. J. D. Bowen, from Lynchburg, who recently accepted the Baptist pastorate here, has moved into next Sunday morning.

Mrs. L. Weinberg has been quite whom cometh all our help. sick for several days, but is now im-

ance Union will meet next Tuesday af-Mrs. T. W. Gunter. The subject for the meeting will be "Equipment for tributed greatly to that end. Service." The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

College faculty, visited at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis last week.

SEVEN FREIGHTERS MISSING.

Big Ships Carrying Munitions Given ly among the white tenants. Up for Lost.

New York, Jan. 5 .- Seven big well known lover of trees and a great trans-Atlantic freighters, munitions advocate of "the city beautiful" and and contraband carriers, that are everything else that tends towards long overdue, were given up for lost making Sumter a most desirable by maritime men today. They may place in which to live, will be trans- have been submarined or captured by mitted to the city fathers with a German raiders. They are the Angreat deal of pleasure by Secretary dania, 13,500 tons; Ausonia, 8,500 tons, of the Cunard line; the Georgia, 10,000 tons, of the White Star line; Voltaire, 8,600 tons; Belle Rephon, Supervisor Charlie Evans turned 9,000 tons; Belgravian, 2,500 tons, over to Treasurer Perrin the proceeds and the Bayrealaux, tonnage un-

Marriage.

There was a marriage of great surin the stable lot picking up what the prise to their many relatives and friends at Mrs. Stewarts boarding sorghum patch and rye pasture for house, Tuesday the 26th when Euthem to run on .- Bishopville Leader gene McIntosh, and Miss Viola Bradham, both of New Zion, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by the Rev. Dr. Lide of our town. There man who was slain in the hotel on held up today and robbed of \$10,000 sure to give the roots plenty of were only a few relatives and friends present as the marriage was such a and also the very long roots, mak- surprise. The writer extends coning a smooth cut with a sharp gratulations to the couple, wishing another ten cents per barrel today. The prosperous farmer is the one knife. Use top soil around the them a long prosperous life. Alcolu Today's prices are the highest paid

Care should be taken to handle now selling at 95. the family cemetery, and funeral ser- Berlin, Jan. 5.—The Germans today away as soon as they come, but Gold to the total amount of \$631,- as these contain considerably more alfalfa hay so as not to lose 'caves, vices were conduced by their pastor, occupied Gurgueti and Romanul, Rou- read them, then file them away for 000,000 has been imported into the than 50 per cent, of the feeding wil- parts of oats and corn, also small

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ELEVEN CHILDREN KILLED

SOUTHRON, Established June, 1886.

TORNADO HITS SCHOOL HOUSE IN OKLAHOMA.

Dozen Buildings and Hurls Little

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 4 .- Eleven school children were killed, four probably fatally hurt and eight seriously injured when a tornado wrecked the Vireton rural school house, known as the Lee-Baldwin school, near Blocker. Okla., today.

The school building, a Baptist Indian mission a quarter of a mile away and four farm houses are in ruins and a half dozen other farm houses were lifted from their foundations by the storm, which swept a narrow path for a distance of six miles.

Vera Carter, the school teacher, was seriously injured.

Ones Down Hillside.

The storm struck first at Hichton, wrecking a boiler room and tip-The resignation of Col. Blythe will ple at once of the mines, then lifted

Tearing the home of E. L. Warren and hurling the children down the Col. Blythe is regarded by the Na- hillside and across the ravine, some of them being picked up as far as a

> Only two children of the 28 in the building escaped entirely uninjured. Stories of many miraculous escapes were being told in the stricken district tonight. Will Jewel, his wife and five children were in their home when the storm struck. Mrs. Jewel the wind twisted the building from its foundation one wall was thrown across the bed, pinning the family down, but escaped injury.

> QUIET CHRISTMAS AT WISACET

Farmers Getting Last of Oats Posts Plentiful and Profitable.

Wisacky, Jan. 6 .- Nineteen hune dred sixteen is in the past. With an experience of nearly three-fourths of a century, I mark very little difference between last year and the years that preceded it. Many of us have realized our hopes, and have had many joys and pleasures. While others look back on the past year with disappointment, sorrow and sadness. We of Doctoring Shade Trees on the parsonage and will begin his work begin the new year with our usual hopes of success, remembering from

> The holidays passed off very quietly. Nothing occurred to mar the The Woman's Christian Temper- pleasures of the occasion. Many usually absent friends and relatives ternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of came home to share the happiness of home and loved ones, which con-

I truly sympathize with those whose homes were draped with Miss Elgie Ober, of the Columbia mourning, and whose hearts were saddened with grief. May the good Lord comfort and sustain them in this sad hour.

> The usual changes among tenants and laborers are taking place, most-

The weather for the past four weeks has been very unfavorable for picking cotton and there is still some to be picked, though not much. Farm operations have begun for another year, and those who failed to get in their small grain before Xmas are now finishing up what was left. The hog krop has proven very profitable to some of our farmers. I heard one neighbor say he had sold four hundred dollars worth already, and still had quite a number to sell. Not many could indulge in egg-nog, not for the want of the nog, but for the lack of eggs. There was quantities of liquor brought to the express offices,

but I saw very little drunkenness. Hoping for The Item, its editor, and all of its readers, a happy and successful New Year, I bid you all adiet

KEROSENE GOES UP.

Crude Oil Reached Highest Price is History Today.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.-Oil advanced for crude oil since it has been commercially quoted. Pennsylvania is

amount of pea vine hay.